

Senate Referrals: S. 735 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. Con. Res. 13 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4548–49, H4550, H4551. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office, NRO, and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, NGA. Testimony was heard from MG Ellen Pawlikowski, USAF, Acting Director, NRO; and ADM Robert B. Murrett, USN, Director, NGA, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment began joint hearings on the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BAYER'S FATAL CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Secrecy in the Response to Bayer's Fatal Chemical Plant Explosion." Testimony was heard from John Bresland, Chairman, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy and Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of West Virginia: Michael Dorsey, Chief, Homeland Security and Emergency Response; and Pamela Nixon, Environmental Advocate, both with the Department of Environment Protection; and Joseph Crawford, Chief of Police, St. Albans; and public witnesses.

NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on A New Age for Newspapers: Diversity of Voices, Competition and the Internet. Testimony was heard from Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney General,

Economics, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SYSTEMIC THREATS OF LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, New York, NY; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Thomas M. Hoenig, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management stimulus funding, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of U.S. ground forces, with the possibility of a closed session following in SVC–217, 10 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine global climate change, focusing on U.S. leadership for a new global agreement, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International